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ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

Programme of work

Note by the Secretariat

The programme of work of the Second Committee, as reproduced in the annex to the present document, was approved by the Committee at its 7th meeting, on 12 October 1993.

ANNEX

Programme of work of the Second Committee

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 27 September-1 October			
Wednesday, 29 September	a.m.	Election of two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur Organization of work	
Week of 4-8 October			
Friday, 8 October	a.m. and p.m.	General debate 6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers in the general debate	
Week of 11-15 October			
Monday, 11 October	a.m. and p.m.	General debate (continued)	
Tuesday, 12 October	p.m.	General debate (concluded)	
Wednesday, 13 October	a.m.	Item 91: a/ (Part I) Development and international economic cooperation: Questions to be considered under the general heading of item 91 - Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the recent evolution of the economies in transition on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries as well as on international economic cooperation - Report of the Secretary-General on economic stabilization programmes in developing countries - Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the South Commission	

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Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
		Item 91: Development and international economic cooperation:	
		(j) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy	
		Item 97: International conference on the financing of development	
		Introductory statements and general discussion	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 91 (Part I) and (j), and 97	
	p.m.	Item 91: (Part I) and (j)	
		Item 97: General discussion (concluded)	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 92	
Thursday, 14 October	a.m.	Item 92: External debt crisis and development (introductory statements and general discussion)	
Friday, 15 October	p.m.	Item 92: General discussion (concluded)	
Week of 18-22 October			
Monday, 18 October	p.m.	Item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list speakers on item 12	
Tuesday, 19 October	a.m.	Item 12: General discussion (continued)	
	p.m.	Item 12: General discussion (concluded)	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 91 (Part II) and 104	1 p.m. - Items 91 (Part I) and (j), 92 and 97
Wednesday, 20 October	p.m.	Item 91: b/ (Part II) Development and international economic cooperation:	

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		(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s	
		(c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development	
		(d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	
		(h) Science and technology for development	
		(i) Entrepreneurship (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		Item 104: Human resources development (introductory statements and general discussion)	
Thursday, 21 October	a.m.	Item 91: (Part II) and Item 104: General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 22 October	a.m.	Item 91: (Part II) and Item 104: General discussion (continued)	
	p.m.	Item 91: (Part II) and Item 104: General discussion (concluded)	
Week of 25-29 October			
Monday, 25 October	a.m.	Item 95: International cooperation for economic growth and development:	
		(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
		(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 95 (a) and (b)	1 p.m. - Item 12
Tuesday, 26 October	a.m.	Item 95 (a) and (b)	
		General discussion (concluded)	
Wednesday, 27 October	____		
Thursday, 28 October	a.m.	Informal consultations	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 106	6 p.m. - Items 91 (Part II) and 104
Friday, 29 October	p.m.	Item 106: Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research	
Week of 1-5 November			
Monday, 1 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	6 p.m. - Item 95 (a) and (b)
Tuesday, 2 November c/	____		
Wednesday, 3 November	____		1 p.m. - Item 106
Thursday, 4 November	a.m.	Item 96: International Conference on Population and Development (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 96	
	p.m.	Item 96: International Conference on Population and Development	
		General discussion (concluded)	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 154	
Friday, 5 November	a.m.	Item 154: United Nations interim offices	
	p.m.	Item 94: d/, e/ Operational activities for development (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 94	
Week of 8-12 November			
Monday, 8 November	____		1 p.m. - Item 96
Tuesday, 9 November	____		
Wednesday, 10 November	a.m.	Item 94: Operational activities for development d/, e/	
		General discussion (concluded)	
Thursday, 11 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 91 (Part III)	1 p.m. - Item 154
	p.m.	Item 91: (Part III) Development and international economic cooperation:	
		(a) Trade and development (introductory statements and general discussion)	
Friday, 12 November	a.m.	Item 91: (Part III) (a)	
		General discussion (concluded)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of the list of speakers on items 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 98 and 41	
Week of 15-19 November			
Monday, 15 November	____		
Tuesday, 16 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	

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Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
	p.m.	Item 100: Special programmes of economic assistance b/	6 p.m. - Item 94
		Item 101: International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola b/	
		Item 102: Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador b/	
		Item 103: International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery b/	
		item 105: Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster b/	
		Item 98: International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction b/	
		Item 41: Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan b/ (introductory statements and general discussion)	
Wednesday, 17 November	a.m.	Items 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 98 and 41	
		General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 18 November	a.m.	Items 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 99 and 41	
		General discussion (concluded)	
	1 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 91 (Part IV) and item 99	6 p.m. - Item 91 (Part III)

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Friday, 19 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 91: (Part IV) b/ Development and international economic cooperation: (e) Environment (f) Desertification and drought (g) Human settlements Item 99: b/ Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development: - Report under the general heading of item 99 (a) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa (b) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (introductory statements and general discussion)	6 p.m. - Items 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 98 and 41
Week of 22-26 November			
Monday, 22 November	----		
Tuesday, 23 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 91: (Part IV) (e), (f) and (g)	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
		Item 99: (a), (b) and (c)	
		General discussion (concluded)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 93 and 91 (Part V)	
Wednesday, 24 November	p.m.	Informal consultations	1 p.m. - Items 91 (Part IV) and 99 (a), (b) and (c)
Thursday, 25 November	Holiday		
Friday, 26 November	a.m.	Item 93: International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries	
Week of 29 November-3 December			
Monday, 29 November		Informal consultations	
Tuesday, 30 November		Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 1 December		Informal consultations	
Thursday, 2 December		Informal consultations	
Friday, 3 December	a.m. and p.m.	Item 91: (Part V) Development and international economic cooperation: Questions to be considered under the general heading of item 91 - Report of the Secretary-General on an agenda for development	1 p.m. - Item 93
Week of 6-10 December		Formal meetings will be scheduled as and when required	
Tuesday, 7 December			1 p.m. - Item 91 (Part V)
Friday, 10 December		CONCLUSION OF THE WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE	

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a/ In this segment of its general discussion of item 91 it is proposed that the Second Committee consider also those questions that fall under the general heading of item 91. It is proposed that those discussions be held concurrently with agenda items 92 and 97.

b/ It is proposed that the general discussion of these topics be held concurrently.

c/ The United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities is scheduled to be held on the mornings of 2 and 3 November 1993.

d/ The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/48/279) should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 94 (Operational activities for development).

e/ It is the understanding of the Committee that delegations wishing to make a joint statement on items 154 and 94 may do so during the discussion of item 94.

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SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 91

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Colombia and China*: draft resolution

Follow-up to the report of the South Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 46/155 of 19 December 1991, in which it recognized the relevance of the report entitled The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission 1/ in addressing the challenges of the South in the 1990s, especially the North-South dialogue, trade, finance, technology, regional cooperation and integration among developing countries,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on developments pertaining to the implementation of the recommendations of the report of the South Commission with special emphasis on South-South economic cooperation, 2/ which was prepared pursuant to resolution 46/155 and which recommended a comprehensive approach to the questions of South-South cooperation,

Welcoming the support given by the United Nations Development Programme in distributing 2,000 copies of the report of the South Commission in developing countries,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the implementation of its resolution 46/155 and to report thereon, as appropriate, to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session;

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1/ New York and Oxford, Oxford and University Press, 1990.

2/ A/48/350.

2. Considers that a comprehensive and systematic overview and analysis of South-South cooperation world wide is required to stimulate intergovernmental debate, decisions and actions within the United Nations system and would be of special value in promoting such cooperation within and between regions of the South, and globally;

3. Decides that a regular and comprehensive biennial report entitled "State of South-South cooperation" should be prepared by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, building on the model embodied in the report of the Secretary-General; 2/

4. Decides further that such a report should encompass all aspects of South-South cooperation, that it should contain the necessary quantitative data and indicators, including information on the support given by multilateral financial institutions for South-South cooperation activities, programmes and projects;

5. Requests the organs, specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, in particular the regional commissions, to contribute to the preparation of this report;

6. Calls upon regional and subregional organs to cooperate with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in preparing the report and to provide him with analytical and empirical materials, as necessary;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session the first of such reports on the state of South-South cooperation and to give the report wide and timely publicity and distribution;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to bear in mind the relevance of the report of the South Commission in elaborating an agenda for development.

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Agenda item 97

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FINANCING OF DEVELOPMENT

Colombia* and China: draft resolution

International conference on the financing of development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance and continued validity of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990, the Cartagena Commitment, 1/ the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, contained in the annex to its resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991, the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, 2/ and the various consensus agreements and conventions, especially Agenda 21, which were adopted during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, 3/

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1/ TD/364, part one, sect. A, "A New Partnership for Development: The Cartagena Commitment", adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session, held at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from 8 to 25 February 1992.

2/ See Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

3/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (vol. I and vol. I/Corr.1, vol. II, vol. III and vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference.

Recalling its resolution 46/205 of 20 December 1992 on convening an international conference on the financing of development, and its decision 47/436 of 1993,

Noting with interest the analysis on the current international financial situation outlined in the report of the Secretary-General, 4/ and the link between peace, security and growth and development, 5/

Recalling its resolution 47/181 of 22 December 1992 on an agenda for development,

1. Decides to continue exploring the issue of the financing for development and its potential funding sources in close consultation and cooperation with the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare for the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the situation of the potential sources of financing for development, particularly following the developments of the negotiations of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, exploring the possible reorientation towards development financing of funds currently spent as production subsidies, and on the international financial system for development, in order to consider the issue of convening of an international conference on the financing of development;

3. Decides to include the issue of the financing of development as a sub-item of the agenda item "International cooperation for economic growth and development" of the fiftieth session of the Assembly.

4/ A/48/367.

5/ See A/46/594 and E/1992/82/Add.1.

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SECOND COMMITTEE
Agenda item 92

EXTERNAL DEBT CRISIS AND DEVELOPMENT

Colombia* and China: draft resolution

Enhanced international cooperation towards a durable solution to the external debt problems of all developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 41/202 of 8 December 1986, 42/198 of 11 December 1987, 43/198 of 20 December 1988, 44/205 of 22 December 1989, S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, 45/199 of 21 December 1990, 45/214 of 21 December 1991, 46/151 of 18 December 1991, and 47/198 of 22 December 1992,

Noting the limited progress achieved so far in solving the debt problem and stressing that further concrete measures are essential to solve the external debt problem of a large number of developing countries,

Noting also with concern the continuing debt and debt-service problems of indebted developing countries (least developed, low-income, lower middle-income and middle-income) which adversely affect their development efforts and economic growth, and reiterating the need to address and solve those problems through effective debt-relief measures, bearing in mind, in this context, the special and critical situation of the indebted developing countries of Africa,

Stressing the importance of alleviating the onerous debt and debt-service burdens connected with all types of debt, commercial and public, multilateral and bilateral, of all developing countries,

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Stressing the necessity of a supportive international economic environment - in particular stable exchange rates, low international interest rates, an open international trading system and the amelioration of the terms of trade of developing countries - and noting the inadequacy of resources for the implementation of international consensus agreements on development,

Expressing its concern that, in many developing countries, the burden of debt and debt service constitute one of the major obstacles to the revitalization of growth and development, despite the often strenuous economic reforms of those countries,

Noting that those developing countries which have continued, at great cost, to meet their international debt and debt-service obligations in a timely fashion have done so despite severe external and domestic financial constraints,

1. Takes note of the Secretary-General's report concerning the external debt crisis and development; 1/

2. Expresses its concern that only a few countries have been able to conclude agreements on commercial bank debt-service reduction and calls for the conclusion of similar agreements with all interested developing countries;

3. Also stresses the need for the implementation of additional debt-relief measures, including further reduction and cancellation of debt and debt service related to official debt, and for more urgent actions with regard to, inter alia, the remaining commercial debt owed by the developing countries;

4. Also calls upon the international community, in particular the developed creditor countries, to write-off the official bilateral debt owed by the least developed countries;

5. Calls for the rapid and effective implementation of the measures taken to address the debt problem of certain middle-income African countries and invites all creditors to take appropriate measures for all middle-income debtor developing countries, taking into account the special and critical situation of those in Africa;

6. Calls on the donor countries and multilateral financial institutions to consider taking innovative measures for substantial relief of the debt of low-income countries;

7. Stresses the need for the broadest and most expeditious implementation of the recent initiatives and the need to continue to build upon them, and calls on the developed countries to adopt and implement the Trinidad and Tobago terms;

8. Recognizes the urgent need to continue to provide a social safety net to vulnerable groups most adversely affected by the implementation of economic reform programmes in the debtor countries, in particular low-income groups, in order to ensure social and political stability;

1/ A/48/345.

9. Also recognizes the need of debtor developing countries for a supportive international economic environment as regards, inter alia, terms of trade, commodity prices, improved market access and trade practices, and stresses the urgent need for a balanced and successful outcome of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, which would result in the liberalization and expansion of world trade to the benefit of all countries, in particular the developing countries;

10. Stresses the need, in addition to debt relief measures that include debt and debt-service reduction, for new financial flows to debtor developing countries, and urges the creditor countries and the multilateral financial institutions to continue to extend concessional financial assistance, as appropriate, in order to support the implementation by the developing countries of their economic reforms, stabilization and structural adjustment programmes, so as to enable them to extricate themselves from the debt overhang and to assist them in achieving economic growth and development;

11. Urges the international community to consider wider application of innovative measures, such as debt-for-equity swaps, debt-for-nature swaps and debt-for-development swaps, without prejudice to more durable solutions such as debt cancellation;

12. Calls upon private creditors and commercial banks to renew and expand initiatives and efforts to tackle the commercial debt problems of the least developed countries, and of low- and middle-income developing countries;

13. Invites the multilateral financial institutions to consider rescheduling and reducing the arrears owed by the least developed countries, and low- and middle-income countries, taking into account the special and critical situation of those in Africa, and decides that a study should be undertaken to examine how the multilateral financial institutions can best extend debt relief measures of the debt owed to them by developing countries;

14. Urges the international community to devise an innovative strategy to deal with the debt problems of developing countries that have carried out economic reforms, met their obligations and continued to service their debt at great social cost;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: INTEGRATION OF THE ECONOMIES IN TRANSITION INTO THE WORLD ECONOMY

Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan and Ukraine: draft resolution

Integration of the countries with economies in transition from centrally planned to market economies into the world economy

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 47/187 of 22 December 1992, and noting the relevant decisions of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme as well as resolution B(48) of 26 April 1993, adopted by the Economic Commission for Europe, and resolution 49/1 of 29 April 1993, adopted by the Economic and Social Commission of Asia and the Pacific,

Taking note of the report by the Secretary-General on the role of the United Nations system in addressing problems facing countries with economies in transition, including the difficulties that those countries are encountering as they integrate their economies into the world economy, 1/

1. Reaffirms that the full integration of the countries with economies in transition into the world economy, in particular through improved market access for export goods and services from the countries with economies in transition, will support their systemic transformation and will, simultaneously, have a positive impact on world trade and global economic growth and development;

1/ A/48/317.

2. Requests the Secretary-General to strengthen, inter alia, through better coordination by an appropriate unit within the United Nations Secretariat, the ability of the United Nations system to conduct analytical activities and provide policy advice and technical assistance to the countries with economies in transition, and to submit a relevant report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session, and biennially thereafter.

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Agenda item 91 (d)

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Colombia* and China: draft resolution

Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which it endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, 1/ and 46/159 of 19 December 1991, other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/41 of 30 July 1992,

Stressing that technical cooperation among developing countries remains a key element in international cooperation, that it has a complementary role with other forms of international technical cooperation and that its final purpose is to promote economic growth and development - in particular human resources development - utilizing the capacities of developing countries,

Reaffirming that, while developing countries have the primary responsibility for promoting and implementing technical cooperation among themselves, the United Nations system and developed countries should assist and support such activities, and that the United Nations system should continue to play a prominent role as promoter and catalyst of technical cooperation among developing countries, in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,

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1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.

Noting with satisfaction that in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 46/159 2/ it was stated that the organizations of the United Nations system had reported an increased emphasis on activities in technical cooperation among developing countries and had adopted policies to accelerate the use of such cooperation as a modality, and stressing the role of the operational activities segment of the Economic and Social Council in monitoring the use of the modality of technical cooperation among developing countries,

1. Endorses the report and the decisions adopted by the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its eighth session; 3/

2. Urges all Member States, the United Nations Development Programme and other programmes and bodies related to the Economic and Social Council, as well as the specialized agencies, to give high priority and full support in their particular fields of operational activities to technical cooperation among developing countries;

3. Requests all the parties involved in the implementation of the strategy for the promotion and application of technical cooperation among developing countries in the 1990s 4/ to ensure the widespread use of such cooperation;

4. Urges developed countries to support activities in technical cooperation among developing countries, particularly in the transfer of technology, and to assist developing countries in capacity-building, especially in science and technology, education and technical training and know-how;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session on the implementation of technical cooperation among developing countries in the United Nations development system and on the follow-up of the present resolution.

2/ A/48/491.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 39 (A/48/39).

4/ Ibid., decision 8/2, sect. I.

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Agenda item 91 (b)

DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE 1990s

Colombia*: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/206 of 21 December 1990, in which it endorsed the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 46/156 of 19 December 1991 on the implementation of the Programme of Action and 47/173 of 22 December 1992 on the implications of the application of the new criteria for identifying the least developed countries in the implementation of the Programme of Action,

Recalling also its resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and 45/199 of 21 December 1990, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, the document entitled "A New Partnership for Development: The Cartagena Commitment, 1/ adopted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its eighth session, and the texts adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, particularly Agenda 21, 2/

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1/ TD/364, part one, sect. A.

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26/Rev.1 (vol. I and vol. I/Corr.1, vol. II, vol. III and vol. III/Corr.1)) (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: Resolutions adopted by the Conference, resolution I, annex II.

Taking note of the Declaration adopted at the Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries, held at United Nations Headquarters on 30 September 1993 in pursuance of the decision taken at the Ministerial Meeting held at Dhaka in February 1990, 3/

Recalling that the prime objective of the Programme of Action is to arrest the further deterioration in the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries, to reactivate and accelerate their growth and development and to set them on the path of sustained growth and development,

Noting that while the least developed countries, for their part, have been implementing courageous and far-reaching policy reforms and adjustment measures in line with the Programme of Action, implementation of international support measures and commitments has fallen far short of the provisions of the Programme of Action,

Expressing serious concern about the continued deterioration in the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries as a whole,

Also expressing concern about the growing debt stock and debt-service burden of the least developed countries, the shrinking market for their products and the declining flow of development resources,

Stressing that the mid-term review of the implementation of the Programme of Action provides a unique opportunity for the least developed countries and their development partners to formulate comprehensive corrective measures with a view to enhancing the implementation of the Programme of Action during the rest of the 1990s,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General, 4/

1. Reaffirms the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

2. Calls upon all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, financial institutions and development funds, the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and all other organizations concerned to take concrete measures to implement fully the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s as a matter of urgency;

3. Welcomes the fundamental and far-reaching domestic reforms that have been or are being implemented by the least developed countries;

4. Strongly urges the international community, in particular the donor countries and organizations, to strengthen the implementation of their commitments in all areas, as set out in the Programme of Action, so as to

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4/ A/48/333.

provide adequate external support to the efforts of the least developed countries, and to keep under review the possibility of implementing further new steps in specific areas of importance to the least developed countries;

5. Calls upon the donor countries to upwardly adjust the aid targets and commitments contained in the Programme of Action to fully reflect the additional requirements of countries added to the list of the least developed countries following the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

6. Requests the Secretary-General, in conformity with paragraph 142 of the Programme of Action, 5/ to continue to ensure the full mobilization and coordination of all organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the implementation and follow-up of the Programme of Action, in close collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the secretariats of the regional commissions and the lead agencies of aid programmes;

7. Calls upon the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to initiate further innovative measures to mobilize adequate resources for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action;

8. Stresses the importance of effective follow-up and monitoring mechanisms for the Programme of Action, and notes that the annual follow-up of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action undertaken by the Trade and Development Board on the basis of the annual report on the least developed countries helps contribute to the development dialogue between those countries and their development partners and urges that that exercise be strengthened;

9. Notes with concern the declining resource position of the United Nations Development Programme during its fifth programming cycle and urges all concerned to take steps to protect the allocation of indicative planning figures to the least developed countries;

10. Welcomes the initiatives of some developed countries to write-off the official debt of the least developed countries and urges others to take similar measures for the full cancellation of the bilateral debt of those countries as well as measures for a substantial reduction or cancellation of their debt stock and debt-service burden owed to multilateral financial institutions and commercial creditors;

11. Reiterates that increased opportunities for trade can help reactivate economic growth in the least developed countries and calls for unrestricted market access for their products, particularly through the elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers and the granting of special and differential treatment in the context of the Final Act of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations;

5/ See Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

12. Takes note with concern of the environmental and development challenges facing the least developed countries and their vulnerability in this regard and urges development partners to provide those countries with additional resources to enhance their capacity to achieve sustainable development;

13. Invites the preparatory bodies of all relevant forthcoming major meetings and conferences of the United Nations system to take into account the particular needs and requirements of the least developed countries;

14. Welcomes the positive contribution of the non-governmental organizations in the least developed countries in the fields of socio-economic development;

15. Decides to convene a mid-term global review conference on the implementation of the Programme of Action in the early part of September 1995 or any suitable date in the second half of 1995;

16. Stresses the importance of timely, adequate and thorough preparations for the mid-term global review conference, and accordingly requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in the capacity of Secretary-General of the mid-term global review conference to undertake the necessary preparatory activities, including designating an executive secretary for the conference;

17. Requests the Trade and Development Board to consider, at its spring session in 1994, the elaboration of the preparatory activities for the mid-term global review conference, including intergovernmental, expert, sectoral and inter-agency preparatory meetings and the substantive documentation;

18. Urges all Governments and international organizations, including multilateral and bilateral financial and technical assistance institutions, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, to take adequate steps to ensure appropriate preparations for an in-depth mid-term global review of the Programme of Action;

19. Requests all relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to submit reports containing a review of the implementation of the Programme of Action within their respective fields of competence, with special emphasis on areas where commitments have remained unfulfilled and proposals for corrective measures, as further input to the preparation for the mid-term global review conference;

20. Stresses the need to maintain the institutional identity and visibility of the Division for the Least Developed Countries in the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, which is entrusted with the task of global monitoring and follow-up of the Programme of Action, and the need to keep under review the resource requirements of the Division in the light of the mid-term global review conference and its follow-up, and welcomes the action taken by the Secretary-General to fill the vacant post of Director of the Division;

21. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General, in resolution 46/156, to mobilize extrabudgetary resources to ensure the participation of at least one

representative of each least developed country at the spring sessions of the Trade and Development Board, as well as at the preparatory intergovernmental meetings for the mid-term global review conference;

22. Decides to consider at its forty-ninth session preparations for the mid-term global review conference as well as the question of meeting the cost of full and effective participation of representatives of the least developed countries in that conference;

23. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session a report on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution.